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ANNUAL REPORT

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MUNICIPAL OFFICERS,

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1875

Suprintending School Committee,

—OF THE—

Town of Bridgton,

For the Municipal Year of 1875.



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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING. 1

TO JOHN F. POTTER, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF BRIDGTON,
in the County of Cumberland,—*Greeting*:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF MAINE, You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bridgton qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet and assemble at the Town House in said Town, on MONDAY, the Sixth day of MARCH, A. D. 1876, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following Articles—to wit:—

1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To choose a Trustee of the School Fund.
6. To choose a Town Agent.
7. To choose a member of the Superintending School Committee.
8. To choose an Auditor of Accounts.
9. To choose one or more Road Commissioners.
10. To choose a Collector of Taxes, and determine what compensation the Collector shall receive for his services.
11. To choose one or more Constables for the ensuing year.
12. To choose such other Town Officers as the law requires for the ensuing year.
13. To raise money to defray Town charges.
14. To raise money for the support of the Poor.
15. To raise money for the support of Schools.
16. To raise money to pay Town Debt or any part thereof.
17. To raise money to pay the anticipated expenses of Patients in the Insane Hospital.
18. To see if the Town will vote to make any additions to or repairs upon the Buildings on the Town Farm.
19. To raise money to make additions to, or repairs upon the Buildings on Town Farm.
20. To raise money to reimburse the Treasury for amount paid for repairs on Town Farm Buildings in 1875.
21. To raise money to make and repair Highways and Bridges.
22. To determine the price of labor and materials for repairing Highways and Bridges.

23. To raise money to build the "Hiram road" (so called.)
24. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners of Cumberland and Oxford Counties, to discontinue the "Hiram road" (so called.)
25. To raise money to build road around the "Washington Chaplin hill" (so called,) as laid out by the County Commissioners.
26. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the "Henry Emerson road" (so called.)
27. To raise money to build the "Henry Emerson road" (so called)
28. To see if the Town will allow the alleged claim of T. M. Keniston, for damage to horse, on the highway, and if so to raise money to pay the same.
29. To see if the Town will vote to unite School District No. 4 to School District No. 19.
30. To see what measures (if any) the Town will vote to take, to enlarge the "burying ground" or provide another.
31. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of *One Hundred and Fifty dollars* or any sum not exceeding that amount to decorate Soldier's graves in this town on the 30th day of May, 1876, or do anything pertaining thereto, and if so, to choose a committee to expend the same.
32. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to add to their Report annually a list of Tax Payers, with amount of Real and Personal Estate, and amount assessed thereon, or do anything in relation thereto.
33. To see if the Town will vote to tax Dogs.
34. To see if the Town will allow the alleged claim of Dr. Sylvester Robbins, and if so to raise money to pay the same.
35. To see if the Town will allow the alleged claim of Mrs. Anna Sharon, and if so, to raise money to pay the same.

The Selectmen will be in session at their office in the Town House on Saturday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1876, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of correcting and revising the list of voters.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS, at Bridgton, this 25th day of February, A. D. 1876.

B. C. STONE,	} Selectmen
EDWIN INGALLS,	
WM. F. FESSENDEN	
	} of
	} Bridgton.

REPORT.

VALUATION FOR 1875.

Resident Real Estate and Personal,	\$834,137 00
Non-resident Real Estate,	35,470 00
Total Valuation,	<u>\$869,607 00</u>

No. of Polls, 765.

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED, 1875.

For Town Debt and Interest,	\$5,000 00
“ Support of Schools,	3,500 00
“ Support of Poor,	1,200 00
“ Town Charges,	1,500 00
“ Insane Hospital,	300 00
“ Damages on “Howard road,” (to reimburse)	200 00
“ Expenses in suit Cornish vs. Bridgton,	1000 00
	<u>\$12,700 00</u>
State Tax,	3,427 46
County Tax,	1,452 46
	<u>\$17,579 92</u>
Overlay in Assessing,	367 87
Highway Deficiency of 1874,	129 17
	<u>\$18,076 96</u>
Amount committed to Collector,	\$18,076 96

Rate of Taxation, \$1.80 on \$100. Poll Tax, \$3.00.

VALUATION OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 1, 1875.

Resident Real Estate and Personal,	\$399,152 00
Non-resident Real Estate,	11,200 00

Total Valuation,	\$410,352 00
No. of Polls, 354.	

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED, 1875.

For Debt and Interest,	\$1,800 00
“ Repairs, etc.,	600 00
“ School Purposes,	500 00

	\$2900 00
Overlay in Assessing,	54 17

Amount committed to Collector,	\$2954 17
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Rate of Taxation, 60 cents on \$100. Poll Tax, \$1.39.

Highway Tax,	\$5000 00
Overlay in Assessing,	217 18

\$5217 18

Rate of Taxation, 50 cents on \$100. Poll Tax, \$1.14.

DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY, 1875.

Amount raised by Town, (assessment)	\$3,500 00
“ State Mill Tax,	834 99
“ State School Fund and Savings Bank Tax,	597 94
“ Interest on School Fund, (Town)	61 76

Total,	\$4,994 69
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Dist	NAME OF AGENT.	No. of Scho's	Rate.	Amount	†	Added	Amount
*1	Joseph L. Wales,.....	324	5 98	\$1937 52	\$		\$1937.52
1	Alvin Ingalls,.....	58	do	346 84	10		336.84
2	Charles H. McKenney,.....	23	do	137 54			137.54
3	Eben A. Cross,.....	40	do	239 20			239.20
4	Thatcher P. Merrill,.....	09	do	53 82			53.82
5	Bradford Winn,.....	32	do	191 36			191.36
7	Newton P. Gibbs,.....	23	do	137 51	\$10.00		147.54
8	Samuel Davis, 2d,.....	23	do	137 54	10.00		147.54
9	Edward G. Rounds,.....	23	do	137 54			137.54
10	Isaac E. Allen,.....	18	do	107 64			107.64
11	Isaiah S. Webb,.....	84	do	502 32	15		487.32
12	Reuben C. Chadbourn,.....	30	do	179 40			179.40
13	Samuel Libby,.....	25	do	149 50			149.50
14	Austin B. Frisbee,.....	09	do	53 82	16.39		70.21
16	Robert M. Ingalls,.....	24	do	143 52			143.52
18	William A. Morrison,.....	24	do	143 52			143.52
19	Mark Ham,.....	26	do	155 48			155.48
20	James S. Gould,.....	40	do	239 20	10		229.20
	Fraction, (to No. 14).....			1 39			
		835		\$4994.69			\$4994.69

* Union District No. 1.

†Deducted.

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN

From February 13th, 1875, to March 1st, 1875.

To Jonathan R. Lane, wood and repairs, School Dist. No. 8,	\$14 75
Aldis Foster, wood, School Dist. No. 16,	8 12
Jacob Hazen, services and travel to Saco, Suit Cornish vs. Bridgton,	26 00
Benj. F. Knapp, damage on highway, per vote of town,	1 00
Mary F. Pray, Teaching School Dist. No. 12,	54 00
Wm. C. Robinson, Board of Teacher, School Dist. No. 12,	20 00
Saml. M. Sawyer, rent and repairs, School Dist. No. 12,	15 00
James P. Webb, medical services at Town Farm,	7 00
James P. Webb, services as Auditor, 1874,	3 00
Carrie M. Stone, teaching in School Dist. No 13,	54 00
Francis Davis, board of Teacher, School Dist. No. 13,	35 80
Benj. C. Stone, services as Town Clerk, 1874,	25 00
Richard H. Davis, services as Town Treasurer, 1874,	25 00
Town of Cornish, Execution vs. Bridgton,	552 16
Jacob Hazen, services Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 1874,	83 30
Darwin Ingalls, services Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, 1874,	86 00
Nathaniel S. Littlefield, services as do.,	175 00
Edward Bennett, teaching, School Dist. No. 1,	120 00
I. S. Webb, supplies and repairs, School Dist. No. 11,	27 70
Nath'l. S. Littlefield, services as Town Agent, 1874,	10 00
Clarence E. Chapman, teaching Dist. No. 11,	120 00

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN FROM MARCH 1st, 1875 TO FEB. 28th, 1876.

To Georgianna P. Bucknam, teaching School, Primary A., Union Dist. No 1,	\$108 00
Emma C. Leland, teaching School, Primary B, Union Dist. No 1,	156 00
A. A. Holley, teaching Grammar School, Union Dist. No. 1,	132 00
Hattie C. Plummer, teaching School, Dist. No. 5,	70 00
Carston Roes, repairs and building fires, School Dist. No. 5,	2 75
Albert J. Roes, board of teacher, School Dist. No. 5,	22 75
Town of Standish, supplies furnished Kelley family,	25 00
Wm. F. Fessenden, expenses removing David Kelley to town Farm,	8 00
Addie F. Foster, teaching, School Dist. No. 1, (assistant)	12 00
A. F. Richardson, teaching Union School Dist. No. 1,	200 00
Alonzo Kimball, wood for School District No. 12,	4 30
Mary R. Flint, teaching School Dist. No. 8,	56 00
Mehitable Thorn, labor in Town Farm House,	5 00
Samuel Knight, board and repairs, School Dist. No. 8,	28 74
John F. Potter, certificate No. 4. Warrant No. 19,	15 75
John B. Martin, board of teacher, School Dist. No. 11,	48 00
John F. Potter, certificate No. 4 Warrant No. 18,	15 75
Truman S. Periy, services as S. S. Committee, 1874,	26 30
Thatcher P. Merrill, for board, wood and repairs, Dist. No. 4.	22 00
Charles H. Emerson, preparing fuel, Union School Dist. No. 1,	12 00
David P. Chaplin, services as S. S. Com. and books furnished,	52 55
Albert B. Kilborn, repairs on School House, Dist. No. 16,	3 76
Bridgton Savings Bank, interest on Town Note, six months,	35 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Mary Wentworth,	36 51
do Mary Dyer,	88 09
do Francis Small,	35 06
A. F. Richardson, teaching school, Union Dist. No. 1,	75 33

To Charles L. Brown, sawing wood at Town House,	\$ 75
Benjamin F. Whitney, wood for School Dist. No. 8,	8 40
Francis Winn, repairs on School House, Dist. No. 4,	5 00
John F. Potter, certificate No. 6. Warrant No. 19,	15 75
do No. 6, do No. 18,	15 75
Bridgton Savings Bank, endorsed on Town Note, (\$2086 68,)	500 00
John Pierce, services on Town Farm, in full to April 1, 1875,	100 00
Bailey & Noyes, one Col's book, and one quire Highway blanks,	1 85
Dresser. McLellan & Co., Highway books and Collector's book,	
Union School Dist. No. 1,	4 75
B. C. Stone, for stationery,	1 00
Bridgton Savings Bank, endorsed on Town Note, (\$2086 68)	400 00
George A. Harmon, interest on Town Note, (\$600,)	36 00
Edward Bennett, services as S. S. Committee, 1874,	50 00
Geo. W. Hazen, int. on Town Note to Saml. I. Emerson, (\$600,)	36 00
John Pierce, paid for labor and supplies on Town Farm,	8 97
Stone & Staples, supplies to Town Farm, in part,	180 00
Bridgton Savings Bank, interest on Town Note, (2086 68,	
\$900 00 endorsed,) six months to May 29, 1875,	75 91
John F. Potter, for certificate No. 5. Warrant No. 19,	3 75
do No. 19. do No. 19,	3 75
do No. 20. do No. 20,	3 75
do No. 5. do No. 20,	3 75
W. S. Shorey, for Valuation books and blotters,	41 35
George G. Wight, Insuring School House, Dist. No. 9,	12 00
do do Dist. No. 12,	12 00
Leander Poor, one Bull for Town Farm,	40 00
Carrie Stone, assistant teacher, High School, Union Dist. No. 1,	45 00
Mattie A. Pease, teaching Grammer School, do.,	120 00
Georgia P. Bucknam, teaching school, Primary A, do.,	120 00
Emma C. Leland, teaching school, Primary B, do.,	156 00
A. F. Richardson, teaching High School, do.,	333 33
B. F. Milliken, for posts around School yard and fixing door	
and drain, Union Dist. No. 1,	10 75
Eben A. Cross, repairs on School House, Dist. No. 3,	9 56
I. S. Webb, do Dist. No. 11, and supplies,	8 35
Anna White, labor in house on Town Farm,	27 50
B. C. Stone, for expenses in looking up pauper case, Nathl. Lincoln,	9 00
M. I. Hospital, for support of Mary Wentworth to May 31, 1875,	36 42
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Mary Dyer to May 31st, 1875,	36 31
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Francis Small to May 31st, 1875,	38 92
H. A. Shorey, for printing Town Reports, 1874, advertising	
Warrants, Notices, S. S. Com. blanks, &c.,	77 75
George E. Mead, overwork on highway, 1873,	3 15
Bertha L. Poor, teaching school District No. 13,	21 00
Samuel Libby, board of school teacher District No. 13,	11 90
do. paint and oil for painting schoolhouse, Dist. No. 13,	8 72
Richard D. Douglass, interest in part, on account for building	
schoolhouse in Dist. No. 12,	34 11
Ida F. March, teaching school in Dist. No. 20,	54 00
James S. Gould, board of teacher, supplies and repairs on school	
house, Dist. No. 20,	40 54
C. E. Chapman, teaching school in Dist. No. 11, and board,	165 00
Ella Chaplin, do, 2,	29 60
Clara H. Ingalls, do, 10,	32 00
N. Lincoln, services as S. S. Committee to March 1, 1875,	15 00
Alice A. Deering, teaching school in Dist. No. 7,	32 00

To Lizzie F. Merrill, teaching school in District No. 16,	\$40 00
Clara E. Libby, teaching school in District No. 1,	75 00
Myra Davis, teaching school in District No. 19,	36 00
Albion Chaplin, two pigs for Town Farm,	10 00
George Sanborn, labor on Town Farm, haying 18 1-2 days,	37 00
Robert Eastman, labor on Town Farm,	24 00
Annie White, work at Town Farm,	10 00
John Pierce, services, in part, as Superintendent Town Farm,	100 00
Bertie E. Marriner, teaching school in District No. 12,	42 00
Addie F. Foster, teaching school in District No. 18,	40 00
Rosa Chute, teaching, School District No. 8,	32 00
W. H. Hedman, painting High School Buildings, &c., Union District No. 1,	115 00
Abbie J. Andrews, teaching and board, School District No. 3,	84 00
Lydia A. Lang, board of Nathaniel Lincoln, pauper,	45 00
Joseph L. Wales, Agent, repairs and grading Union School District No. 1,	157 79
Bridgton Savings Bank, interest on Note, Union School District No. 1,	84 00
Thomas B. Knapp, supplies to Eben Nason, pauper,	14 02
Town of Otisfield, tax on Thomas Burnham Place, 1874,	3 08
Mary Goodwin, teaching in School District No. 9,	38 50
Caroline C. Richardson, interest on Note, Union District No. 1,	50 00
Clara C. Blake, interest on Note, Union School District No. 1,	100 00
do. do. do.	80 00
David P. Chaplin, board of teacher, School District No. 19,	16 00
do. surveying,	3 00
Jessie Bennett, teaching, School District No. 5,	52 00
Clara C. Blake, interest on Note, Union School District No. 1,	20 00
John Bennett, wood for School District No. 7,	5 75
Samuel Proctor, board of school teacher, District No. 5,	20 15
Lewla March, wood for School District No. 19,	9 75
David Riley, one year's interest on Town Note,	12 00
George W. Hazen, principal and interest J. L. Bennett's Note,	315 75
John F. Potter, interest, coupon,	15 75
Lizzie M. Martin, work at Town Farm,	22 50
City of Portland, expense of Nathaniel Lincoln, pauper,	30 00
Gibbs, Fowler & Wales, supplies to Union School District No. 1,	63 98
Samuel Knight, board of School teacher, District No. 8,	16 00
Alice R. Kimball, teaching in School District No. 14,	72 00
Robert A. Cleaves, supplies to Town Farm,	15 25
Davis & Bennett, paint and oil, Union District No. 1,	183 21
Ella Chaplin, teaching school, District No. 4,	35 62
Thatcher P. Merrill, board and wood, District No. 4,	20 00
Maine Insane Hospital, board of patients,	99 00
John F. Potter, six interest coupons,	22 50
Bridgton Savings Bank, interest on Note,	35 00
George G. Wight, insuring house on Town Farm,	21 00
Wm. Hill, interest on Note, Union School District No. 1,	20 00
Perley Bros. & Weston, stove, School District No. 5,	16 36
do. supplies, School District No. 19,	11 30
George S. Martin, labor on highway, 1873,	7 00
Nathaniel S. Littlefield, suit Cornish vs. Bridgton,	499 80
do. services, prosecution vs. Ed- Lakin, pauper,	4 00
Perley Bros. & Weston, stove, School District No. 8,	11 80
Gibbs, Fowler & Wales, stove, &c., School District No. 7,	15 59
Hiram Davis, board of teacher, District No. 7,	14 00
Stone & Staples, supplies to Town Farm,	130 00
Clara E. Libby, teaching in School District No. 1,	75 00
Ida March, teaching, School District No. 20,	54 00
James S. Gould, board and repairs, School District No. 20,	33 36
Aaron Gibbs, two sheep for Town Farm,	10 00
N. P. Potter, M. D., services, Charles Lakin, pauper,	7 00
George G. Wight, interest on Note, Union School District No. 1,	100 00
A. F. Richardson, teaching in Union School District No. 1,	400 00
A. A. Murphy, assistant teacher in do.	85 00
M. A. Pease, teaching school, Union District No. 1,	132 00
Georgia P. Bucknam, teaching, do.	132 00
Emma C. Leland, do. do.	156 00
C. E. Chapman, teaching and board, School District No. 11,	165 00
Gibbs, Fowler & Wales, stove, &c., School District No. 2,	11 75
George H. Libby, painting school-house, District No. 13,	6 00
Geo. W. Freeman, land damage, C. W. Foster road,	25 00

To B. C. Stone, expenses in case of N. Lincoln and H. Brown,	\$10 00
Wm. F. Fessenden, expenses in case of Horace Brown,	8 00
Frank B. Kimball, wood, School Dist. No. 18,	7 00
Alvin Davis, wood, Union School Dist. No. 1,	25 00
John B. Martin, interest on Note, Union Dist. No. 1,	100 00
Chas. O. Kilborn, board of teacher, Dist. No. 2,	14 00
L. Smith & Co., table, School Dist. No. 3,	4 00
Bridgton Savings Bank, int. on Town Note,	45 47
Wm. F. Fessenden, board of teacher, School Dist. No. 1,	55 50
John Morrison, work on Highway, 1874,	40 00
Austin P. Merrill,	13 00
Chas. O. Kilborn,	37 00
Clara H. Ingalls, teaching school, Dist. No. 10,	65 00
Augusta McKenney, work at Town Farm,	12 50
Peltiah March, board of teacher, No. 19,	30 00
Benj. B. Holden, Int. on Town Note,	18 00
John Pierce, bedding for Town Farm house,	6 00
Maine Insane Hospital, support of Mary Dyer,	38 15
do of Mary Wentworth,	38 07
do of Frances Small,	33 64
Leonard Martin, Note and Int., Union School Dist. No. 1,	330 00
Thomas Smith, wood, School Dist. No. 1,	17 50
Myra F. Davis, teaching, School Dist. No. 19,	66 00
Rosa Chute, teaching, School Dist. No. 8,	60 00
Benj. F. Whitney, board of teacher, Dist. No. 8,	20 00
Martin B. Gammon, wood, School Dist. No. 8,	5 00
Trustee 1st Cong. Parish, Int. on Note, Union Dist. No. 1,	20 00
Lizzie F. Merrill, teaching and board, Dist. No. 16,	84 00
John Pierce, services as Supt. in part, on Town Farm,	100 00
John Palmer, repairs on Schoolhouse, Dist. No. 16,	3 00
Isaac Stiles, board of teacher, School Dist. No. 10,	42 00
Abbie J. Andrews, teaching, School Dist. No. 9,	57 75
Alice A. Deering, do No. 7,	51 00
John F. Potter, 2 Int. Coupons,	7 50
Jonathan Fogg, wood for Town House,	2 50
George H. Brown, Coffin for Samuel Bolden,	10 00
Flora Packard, teaching and board, School Dist. No. 2,	74 50
Leander Choate, wood, School Dist. No. 2,	6 00
Mark Ham, wood, repairs, &c., School Dist. No. 19,	7 87
Wm. Hill, services as Sexton for Samuel Bolden,	4 00
Chas. E. Hill, Medical attendance Samuel Bolden,	3 00
Chas. H. Ingalls, board of teacher, Dist. No. 7,	22 50
Nahum Knapp, Shoemaking, Town Farm,	12 15
Chas. R. Jacobs, board, wood, and repairs, Dist. No. 9,	34 74
H. A. Shorey, Adv., Printing receipts, &c.,	29 75
A. G. Berry & Son, work on highway from Def., 1874,	11 00
T. B. Knapp, supplies to Town Farm,	43 10
D. C. Johnson, labor on Town Farm House,	11 25
J. O. Knapp, labor on Town Farm House,	8 75
A. A. Jack, blanketing to Town Farm,	27 20
Geo. A. Harmon, Note and Int.,	634 50
Bridgton Savings Bank, Int. on Union School Dist. Notes,	84 00
Julia M. Whitehouse, teaching, School Dist. No. 13,	66 00
Samuel Libby, board and repairs, Dist. No. 13,	20 05
Geo. H. Libby, wood, Dist. No. 13,	8 25
Trustee of School Fund, Int. on two Notes,	33 06
Robert Andrews Charitable Fund, Int. on Note,	5 76
C. E. Chapman, teaching and board Dist. No. 11,	152 50
Freeman Johnson, labor and materials, Town Farm buildings,	42 94
John P. Perley, endorsement on Town Note,	1000 00
do Int. on Town Notes 1 yr.,	333 00
Mary Frost, 1 yrs. Int. on Town Note,	26 40
Aaron Gibbs, board of teacher, Dist. No. 18,	49 00
Addie F. Foster, teaching do	47 71
Wm. C. Robinson, overwork on highway, drawn from Def., 1874,	17 00
Wilder Robinson, do do	6 00
Stone & Staples, supplies to Union Dist. No. 1,	1 00
Stephen Bryant, overwork on highway, drawn from Def., 1874,	2 22
Wm. H. Larrabee, one-half cord of wood, for Town House,	2 59
Lucretia Chaplin, work at Town Farm,	18 63

To John H. Kimball, medical attendance and medicine to inmates at Town Farm,	\$90 50
Grace C. Kimball et. als., interest on Note, Union School Dist. No. 1,	70 00
Caroline C. Richardson, Note and Interest, Union Dist. No. 1,	526 25
Wm. Hill, " " " "	211 44
Georgia P. Bucknam, teaching, Union District No. 1,	132 00
E. C. Gardiner, " " " "	144 00
John H. Kimball, abatement of tax, '73, '74, '75.	20 00
do, " Union Dist. No. 1,	5 00
Leander W. Frost, blacksmith work for Town Farm,	18 28
Joseph R. Foster, supplies and lumber to Town Farm,	219 22
E. F. Fessenden, work on Town Farm, mowing,	2 50
A. F. Richardson, teaching, Union Dist. No. 1,	333 33
Roxie Brigham, do,	120 00
Mattie A. Pease, do,	132 00
Stone & Staples, supplies to E. Mason on account of the Town of Baldwin,	5 79
Stone & Staples, use of team at funeral of Samuel Bolden,	2 00
John F. Potter, abatement money tax '73, '74, '75,	336 81
do do Union Dist. No. 1, '73, '74,	51 89
do do Tax, Dist. No. 1, repair fund,	90
do do commission collecting taxes, '74.	137 24
Stone & Staples, postage stamps, freight, telegrams, &c.,	5 36
Stone & Staples, supplies to Town Farm,	162 33
Thomas J. Douglass & Co., blacksmith work, town farm.	6 97
Wm. F. Fesenden, going to North Bridgton and attending at funeral, Saml. Bolden,	2 00
Perley Brothers & Weston, supplies to Town Farm,	49 06
P. P. Burnham, express for Maine Reports,	50
Robert Graham, cutting clothes for Edward Lakin,	1 50
Edwin F. Fesenden, abatement Non-resident tax, '74,	5 40
Albert H. Holmes, teaching school, Dist. No. 20,	48 00
George Martin, board and repairs, Dist. No. 20,	26 27
Alvin D. Holmes, teaching in School Dist. No. 12,	100 00
Samuel M. Sawyer, board do	54 80
R. D. Douglass, wood do	7 70
Samuel Davis, overwork on highway, '73,	3 35
S. Tilton, boarding transient Paupers,	2 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS, 1875.

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor,	\$375 00
Town Clerk,	25 00
Town Treasurer,	25 00
Town Agent,	00 00
School Committee,	100 00
Auditor of Accounts,	3 00

TOWN FARM ACCOUNTS.

DR.

To amount paid for repairs, from Treasury,	\$157 79
" " from Farm,	8 82
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	\$166 61

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By amount of materials on hand for further repairs,	\$70 00
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ACCOUNT OF EXPENSES, 1875.

DR.

Amount of supplies on hand, as per report, 1874,	\$534 40
" paid for labor, (male and female)	244 26
" " Supplies,	910 61
" " Medical attendance,	107 50
" " Superintendent's salary,	300 00
" " Expenses Samuel Bolden's funeral,	18 00
" " for Insurance,	21 00
" " Interest of cost of farm, &c., one year,	230 10
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	\$2365 87

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Amount of supplies on hand, Feb. 23d, 1876,	\$603 62
" sold from Farm,	190 56
" paid for permanent supplies, (household goods)	86 30
" paid for Insurance, (in advance 3 years)	15 75
" of expense of Poor on Farm,	1469 64
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	\$2365 87

Eleven persons on Farm 52 weeks are 572 weeks.

572 weeks a \$2.57 per week, is,	\$1470 04.
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LIST AND AMOUNT OF ARTICLES NOW ON HAND FOR USE THE ENSUING YEAR.

17 tons Hay,	@ \$15 00	\$255 00	70 lbs. Tallow,	@ \$	00	\$ 6 30
80 bns. Potatoes,	50	40 00	50 bus. Corn,		90	45 00
8 " Beans,	2 00	16 00	30 " Oats,		55	16 50
2 3/4 bbls. Pork,	26 00	71 50	2 Swine,		20 00	40 00
1-2 " Beef,	21 00	10 50	16 Hens,		50	8 00
80 lbs. Butter,	25	20 00	Supplies in the House,			55 82
120 " Lard,	15	18 00				

\$903 62

AMOUNT PAID FOR SUPPORT OF THE POOR OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN FARM.

Town of Standish, for David Kelley,	25 00
Expense of moving Kelley to Town Farm,	8 00

Carried Forward,..... \$33 00

Brought Forward,	\$33 00
Lydia A. Lang, for Nathaniel Lincoln,	45 00
City of Portland “	30 00
Supplies to E. Nason on acc. Town of Baldwin,	19 81
S. Tilton, lodging transient Paupers,	2 00
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	\$129 81
Received of Town of Baldwin,	19 81
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Expense of Poor outside of Farm,	\$110 00
Whole am't drawn from Town Treas. on Town's Poor acct.,	\$1678 60
Amount Assessed,	1200 00
Overdrawn on repairs account,	157 79
Overdrawn on supplies account,	320 81
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	\$1678 60

PERMANENT PROPERTY.

Town Farm Real Estate,	\$3000 00
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PERSONAL PROPERTY.

One yoke of Oxen,	\$170 00
Five 2-years-old,	115 00
Two Cows,	70 00
Two Sheep,	12 00
Beds, bedding, household goods, &c.,	261 30
Wagon, harness, and pung,	75 00
Farming Tools,	50 00
One Sewing Machine,	65 00
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	818 30
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	\$3818 30

We have received forty-one dollars from stock exchanged, which has been paid into the treasury. and credited to Town Farm account.

The Mowing machine is worth only what it will bring for "old iron."

There is due the Superintendent balance on salary of \$100, to Apr. 1st, 1876; also a small balance on account, which is not yet settled, as his year does not expire till April 1st.

All other bills have been paid.

We have been extremely unfortunate in having large accessions to *our family* on the Town Farm during this past year. Quite early in the Spring we received a notice from the City of Portland that Nathaniel Lincoln, a resident of our town, was sick and in distress, and receiving aid at the expense of Bridgton. After thoroughly examining into the case we became satisfied that he was a charge belonging to us, and immediately caused his removal to the Town Farm. We have also been obliged to provide for David Kelley, (as well as to pay the town of Standish for supplies furnished in 1874) two sons of Robert Bisbee, another Lakin boy, and Mrs. Adelbert

Foster, in addition to those already upon the farm. Mrs. Foster came to the farm asking help from the town, and requiring medical treatment. Nearly the whole of the bill paid for medical attendance, was on her account, the balance being on account of Nathaniel Lincoln. The two Lakin boys have left the Farm, one going on 'his own hook,' and the other having been sent to the State Reform School. Mrs. Foster has also left the Farm.

We now have ten persons upon the farm receiving support, and we have averaged eleven during the year in the family at the farm; and as the number has increased very largely from last year, so have the bills for supplies increased correspondingly.

We have exercised our best knowledge and judgment, and have made no expense that we did not feel, after investigation, we were *obliged* to make. The repairs which we have felt obliged to make, and which have been sanctioned by *many* citizens whom we have consulted, have been made in the interest of economy for the town.

And now in closing these *explanations* we would earnestly call your attention to a subject which will be laid before you at your annual meeting, and that is in relation to making an addition to the house on the farm. The house is now too small to accommodate those who are dependent on us for support. It is illy contrived, and as the number who will call upon us for help is much more likely to increase, rather than to *decrease*, it becomes a duty, as well as a necessity, for the town to decide whether it will continue this method of supplying the needs of its poor, will enlarge the capacity of the house, make it convenient and suitable for its intended purpose, or whether it will dispose of the farm altogether, and adopt some other method for the maintenance of its poor. It is estimated that the expense of making the needed enlargement and improvements will be (in round numbers,) two thousand dollars, (\$2000.) More explicit explanations will be made at the meeting on Monday next.

MAINE INSANE HOSPITAL ACCOUNT.

CR.

By amount of assessment,	\$300 00
" received of Geo. A. Small,	140 21
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	\$440 21

DR.

To paid for support of Mary Dyer, to Nov. 30, 1875,	\$145 45
" Mary Wentworth, "	145 45
" Frances Small,	140 21
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	\$431 11
Balance in the Treasury,	9 10
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	\$440 21

Union School District No. 1.

CR.

Debt and Interest Fund, including overlay,	\$1854 17
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DR.

To amount overdrawn in 1874,	\$13 86	
Assessing Tax,	25 00	
Commission for Collecting,	29 54	
paid Principal of Notes due in 1875,	1000 00	
“ Interest for 1875,	795 69	
Abatement on Tax of 1873, '74, and '75,	56 89	
		\$1920 98
		1854 17
		\$66 81

Due the Town,

CR.

Repair Fund,	\$600 00	
Balance of account, 1874,	27 75	
		\$627 75

DR.

To paid order to Benjamin F. Milliken,	\$10 75	
“ W. H. Redman,	115 00	
“ Joseph L. Wales,	157 79	
“ Gibbs, Fowler & Wales,	50 07	
“ Davis & Bennett,	183 21	
		516 82
		\$110 93

Due the District,

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

CR.

Proportion of School Money, 1875,	\$1937 52	
Amount included in assessment,	500 00	
“ unexpended in 1873,	6 61	
“ “ “ 1874,	106 97	
		\$2551 10

DR.

To paid Eighteen Orders,	\$2580 57	
	2551 10	
		\$29 47
		\$14.65.

Due the Town,

On whole accounts, due the District,

We were obliged to *overdraw* on the "Debt and Interest Account," (as will be readily perceived) as were also the Selectmen of 1874, from the fact that no provision is made by the District to pay for the assessment, collection, and *inevitable* abatement of the Taxes of the District, and also from the fact that the Notes which become due each year are not always to be obtained, so as to be paid the *day* upon which they become due, thus causing an overplus of interest. The amount of Principal and Interest for 1875 is all paid.

The "Support of Schools" account was overdrawn by paid orders as per the certificates of the Agent of the district.

NOTES OUTSTANDING AGAINST THE DISTRICT.

To John B. Martin,	Due Nov. 4. 1876,	\$1000 00
Clara C. Blake,	" Aug. 29. 1877,	800 00
do	" Sep. 7. 1877,	200 00
do	" Aug. 29. 1878,	1000 00
Trustee First Cong. Parish,	" Sept. 5. 1879,	200 00
Bridgton Savings Bank,	" Jan. 6. 1879,	100 00
Grace C., Kate W., and		
Helen L. Kimball,	" Nov. 2. 1879,	700 00
John H. Cook,	" Nov. 2. 1880,	1000 00
Bridgton Savings Bank,	" Jan. 6. 1882,	1000 00
Bridgton Savings Bank,	" Jan. 6. 1883,	1000 00

"HIRAM ROAD."

In the warrant for Town Meeting March 3d, 1874, was an article "To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the 'Hiram road,' so called." Both of these articles were "passed over" (as appears by the records), and *we think*, upon motion of the Chairman of the Selectmen of 1874, who in making the motion stated (in effect) that it was "all right," that we should hear *no more* about the matter, and the impression prevailed with our citizens that the "Hiram road" was or would be discontinued. But in October last we received a notice from the County Attorney stating that complaint had been made to him in regard to said road; and in order to save costs it would be necessary "to open the way to travel without further delay." Upon our representation that it would be impossible to build the road at this season of the year, that no money was raised wherewith to build it, that our citizens thought that it was discontinued, &c., and upon our promise to lay the matter before the Town at the meeting this Spring, the County Attorney agreed to stay proceedings until this time. It will be necessary to take *immediate action* thereon.

Town Agent's Report.

There have been no *new* suits at law against the town this year, but it appears that our old "Cornish suit" is not yet settled. Like "Banguo's Ghost" it thrusts itself upon us when least expected. In April I received the following communication:

"There remains outstanding between the towns of Bridgton and Cornish, a bill for pauper supplies, furnished to one Horace Brown, son of Ivory Brown, amounting to \$117. Will you have the kindness to inform us by immediate reply whether or not you propose to pay that bill." (It was agreed with us by your Town Agent at the rendering of the verdict in the pauper case, that this bill should be paid at the time of satisfying the execution in that case.) We are still waiting the fulfilment of of that agreement."

(Signed,) "Very truly, AYER & CLIFFORD."

I wrote them that the Town Agent of 1874 was absent from home, and upon his return I would give it my attention. Upon his return I shew him the communication, when he enclosed that part which is so done in parenthesis, and endorsed upon it the following:

"I deny every word or idea in that part of this letter included in this parenthesis."

(Signed,) "NATH'L S. LITTLEFIELD."

In May the Selectmen received a notice from Cornish, stating that said Horace Brown had received supplies from that town, at the expense and charge of the town of Bridgton. The Selectmen denied his settlement, but wishing to save the town all the costs possible, I took the trouble to investigate the matter, and found it was very doubtful to which town said Horace Brown belonged, the whole case turning upon a very small point of evidence. I agreed with the Selectmen of Cornish, that no more supplies should be furnished said Brown at the charge of Bridgton, without notifying the Selectmen of Bridgton before so doing, and also agreed with them that the last bill should stand upon the same footing as the first bill. That is, if we paid one we would pay the other, but if we refused to pay the one we also refused to pay the other. I returned and laid the facts pertaining to the matter before the Town Agent of 1874, and also before other of our influential and heavy tax-payers, and upon their suggestion have declined to pay the bill. Since which time I have heard nothing from it.

Will you give your Town Agent of 1876 any instructions in regard to this matter?

With this exception there has been no case brought to my attention.

Respectfully,

B. C. STONE, AGENT, 1875.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

The "Snow-bills" of 1874 have nearly all been paid (one or two exceptions), and from highway money. We were obliged to draw from the Treasury, however, to pay for overwork in 1873, the year that the highway tax was raised in money, and also to draw from the money put into the Treasury, returned by Surveyors as highway deficiency, to pay said Surveyors for working the same. We are of the opinion that our highways and bridges could be repaired much more economically, and satisfactorily, and that the several bills which yearly accrue against the town for highway expenses could be much more easily adjusted, by raising the amount for that purpose in *money*, than by raising it in labor (as is now done), and that if the Town would vote to raise the *money*, and have it expended by a Road Commissioner, and give that method a *fair trial*, that it would never go back to the "old method," which is now in vogue.

"HIGHWAY DEFICIENCY" ACCOUNT.

CR.

By amount returned by Surveyors,	\$129 17
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DR.

To paid order to John Morrison,	\$40 00	
" Austin P. Merrill,	13 00	
" Charles O. Kilborn,	37 00	
" A. G. Berry & Son,	11 00	
" William C. Robinson,	17 00	
" Wilder Robinson,	6 00	
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	\$124 00	
Balance in Treasury,	5 17	
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TOWN CHARGES ACCOUNT.

CR.

By amount assessed,	\$1500 00
" of overlay,	367 87
" assessed "Cornish suit,"	1000 00
" "Howard road,"	200 00
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	\$3067 87

DR.

To paid Expenses "Cornish suit,"	\$1077 96
abatement of Taxes,	336 81
ordinary Town Expenses,	960 65
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	\$2375 42
Unexpended, put into Treasury,	692 45
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	\$3067 87

Financial Statement,

(EXCLUSIVE OF TOWN DEBT.)

RESOURCES.

Amount due from John F. Potter, Collector of 1875,	\$10,513 17
“ in the hands of the Treasurer,	173 55
“ due from the Town of Harrison,	5 00
Available Non-resident Taxes returned,	9 79
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	\$10,701 51

LIABILITIES.

Amount of outstanding Town Orders,	\$1027 97
“ due the several School Districts,	751 85
“ due Truman S. Perry, interest, 1875,	35 00
“ Coupons not presented,	67 25
“ due Superintendent Town Farm,	100 00
“ Town Officers' Bills, 1875,	528 00
“ Alatement of Taxes, 1875, say	250 00
“ Commission for collecting Taxes, 1875,	210 31
“ School Money rec'd of State, (used to pay State Tax,	1468 81
“ County Tax, 1875, unpaid,	252 46
“ for Printing this Report,	60 00
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	\$4551 65
Balance of Resources, towards paying Town Debt,	6149 86
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	\$10,701 51

DEBT AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

CR.

By amount assessed,	\$5000 00
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DR.

To paid interest,	\$870 70
“ Geo. A. Harmon Note,	\$600 00
“ Louville Bennett Note,	300 00
“ Endorsement on Bridgton Savings Bank Note, \$2086.68,	900 00
“ Endorsement on J. P. Perley Note, \$2000.00,	1000 00
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	\$2800 00
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	\$3670 70
Amount unexpended,	1329 30
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	\$5000 00
Town Debt as reported in 1874,	\$13,783 68
Amount of Principal paid in 1875,	2800 00
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Amount of Town Debt Feb. 26, '75,	\$10,983 68

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

EDWIN F. FESSENDEN, TREASURER FOR 1875,
IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIDGTON,

DR.

To Cash received of R. H. Davis, Treasurer of 1874,	\$157 91
Cash received of Geo. A. Small, for support of Frances Small, in Maine Insane Hospital, 4 quarters ending Nov. 30, 1875,	140 21
Amount 69 Town orders of John F. Potter, Collector for the year 1874,	4030 68
Cash received for Non-resident Taxes, School Dist. No. 12, for year 1873,	43 96
Cash received of the Town of Baldwin, for supplies furnished Eben Na- son, Pauper,	19 81
Amount of 50 Town orders received of John F. Potter, Collector for the year 1874,	2536 07
Amount received of State Treasurer, State School Fund, and Savings: Bank tax, for 1876,	623 84
Amount received of State Treasurer, School Mill Fund, for 1876,	839 97
Cash received for one years interest, on School Fund, from School Fund Book,	61 76
Cash received from non-resident taxes and charges,	185 92
Amount 29 Town Orders of John F. Potter, Collector for year 1874,	2373 57
Cash received of John F. Potter, Collector, to balance his acct. in full for the year 1874,	17
Cash received, difference on Stock on Town Farm,	41 00
Amount of 54 Town orders received of John F. Potter, Collector for the year 1875,	3997 89
Amount of 23 Town orders received of John F. Potter, Collector for the year 1875,	2192 61
	<u>\$16980 37</u>

CR.

By 30 orders paid by Town Treasurer, from March 12, 1875, to Feb. 23, 1876,	\$1941 98
Paid 69 Town orders, as charged received of Collector,	4030 68
Paid 50 Town orders charged as received of Collector,	2566 7
Paid for non-resident Tax Deeds,	4 02
Paid 29 Town orders charged as received of Collector,	2373 57
Paid 54 Town orders charged received of Collector,	3397 89
Paid 23 Town orders as charged received of Collector,	2192 61
Balance in Treasurer's hands, Feb. 23, 1875,	173 55
	<u>\$16980 37</u>

EDWIN F. FESSENDEN, Treasurer.

Collector's Report for 1875.

To amount of commitment for 1875,	\$21031 13
By amount paid Town Treasurer,	\$5890 50
paid State Tax, in full,	3427 46
paid County Tax, in part,	1200 00

Balance in my hands at this date, \$10513 17

I have settled with the Treasurer for 1874.

The following is a list of persons whose tax for 1874 remain unpaid:

Allen, Charles,	\$ 4 59	McKenney, Charles H.,	11 60
Allen, Rufus,	3 00	Monk, Lewis E.,	3 00
Bangs, Leslie,	7 19	Marriner, Green I.,	72
Bacon, Josiah,	7 32	Nason, Samuel B.,	3 00
Bird, Lyman,	11 62	Phinney, Samuel,	5 86
Cash, Daniel,	11 20	Plummer, Aaron,	9 30
Cleaves, Robert A.,	39 10	Plaisted, Orlando,	80
Corson, Henry D.,	11 55	Pattee, Stephen,	9 66
Cleaves, Robert A., & E. Nelson,	3 75	Pendexter, Sibley,	3 00
Chaplin, Henry,	6 30	Pendexter, B. W.,	3 00
Chaplin, Albion P.,	3 00	Robinson, Wilder,	11 37
Davis, Samuel 2d.,	5 76	Robinson, Humphrey,	3 97
Davis, Hiram,	4 30	Simpson, Benjamin,	3 62
Dodge, Nathan C.,	2 76	Sylvester, Aaron,	9 51
Douglass, Albert,	5 70	Sargent, Joseph,	7 73
Foster, Osborn,	15 00	Simpson, Frank B. & J. F. Bennett,	1 80
Gray, Albert,	3 00	Trumbull, Foster	4 80
Hill, Charles W.,	7 33	Taylor, Geo. H.,	3 00
Haskell, William,	9 00	Weymouth, Charles,	1 80
Harmon, Asa,	6 60	Whiting, Lawson,	4 32
Hazen, W. W. & Nath'l Thompson,	1 80	Wilder, Edwin E.,	26 40
Hayden, Samuel M.,	8 20	Woodbury, John D.,	7 20
Harmon, George,	3 00	Woodbury, Calvin F.,	3 00
Ingalls, Robert M.,	7 86	Woodbury, Jonah F.,	9 00
Kimball, Charles A.,	19 56	Wood, Daniel,	5 70
Kimball, Charles,	6 06	Webb, William K.,	1 00
Knight, Simeon,	6 40	Weymouth, Stephen,	3 00
Kennison, Thomas M.,	2 05	Walker, Charles B.,	58 95
Kenison, Thomas M. jr.,	6 60	Libby & Edgerley,	4 20
Knight, John,	3 00	UNION SCHOOL.	
Kneeland, Eben,	3 90	Cash, Daniel,	4 00
Libby, Patience,	6 00	Gray, Albert,	1 60
Lord, Samuel 2d.,	3 20	Merrill, George H.,	3 40
Littlefield, Jacob,	4 61	Nason, Samuel B.,	1 60
Libby, Charles,	3 00	Noyes, John S.,	2 80
Long, Frank,	4 80	Trumbull, Foster,	2 20
Lewis, Ivory J.,	3 00	Taylor, Geo. H.,	1 60
Merrill, George H.,		Wilder Edwin E.,	2 40
March, John D.,	3 54	Woodbury John D.,	4 00
McKay, Daniel,	5 46	Woodbury, Calvin F.,	1 60
Martin, Lorenzo, & D. P. Chaplin,	3 80	Warren, James L.,	1 60
Merrill Brothers, & D. Appleton,	1 80	Walker, Charles B.,	20 50
Merrill, A. & T. P.,	45	York, Gilbert,	1 90
Morrison, George G.,	12 02	DISTRICT NO. 3.	
Morrison, William H.,	10 28	Corson, Henry D.,	51
Marriner, Frederic,	4 00		

Persons from whom the amount is due must make arrangements for immediate payment, or measures will be taken to close it up.

JOHN F. POTTER, Collector.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We recommend that the following sums be raised for the ensuing year :

Support of Schools,	\$3500 00
Town Charges,	1200 00
Support of Poor,	1500 00
Insane Hospital,	300 00
Repairs on Town Farm House, (to reimburse)	160 00
Town Debt and Interest,	
Highways and Bridges,	

We have endeavored to give to the citizens of Bridgton a Report of our doings, and the condition of Town affairs, in as plain and concise a manner as possible. We think it can be readily understood and comprehended. All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. C. STONE,	}	Selectmen, Assessors, and
EDWIN INGALLS,		
WM. F. FESSENDEN,		

ERRATA.

On page 7, instead of Richard D. Douglass "interest in part" read, "amount in full."

On page 8, read Geo. G. Wight, interest on Note, (J. H. Cook) Union School Dist. No. 1.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

FELLOW TOWNSMEN:—Your Committee would respectfully present the following Report of the Public Schools in the Town of Bridgton for the past year:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount raised by Town, (assessment)	\$3,500 00
“ State Mill Tax,	834 99
“ State School Fund and Savings Bank Tax,	597 94
“ Interest on School Fund, (Town)	61 76
Total,	\$4,994 69

The following shows the amount apportioned to each District for the year 1875:

Dist	NAME OF AGENT.	No. of Scho's	Rate.	Amount †	Added	Amount
*1	Joseph L. Wales,.....	324	5 98	\$1937 52 8		\$1937.52
1	Alvin Ingalls,	58	do	346 84 10		336.84
2	Charles H. McKenney,.....	23	do	137 54		137.54
3	Eben A. Cross,.....	40	do	239 20		239.20
4	Thatcher P. Merrill,.....	09	do	53 82		53.82
5	Bradford Winn,	32	do	191 36		191.36
7	Newton P. Gibbs,.....	23	do	137 54	\$10.00	147.54
8	Samuel Davis, 2d,.....	23	do	137 54	10.00	147.54
9	Edward G. Rounds,.....	23	do	137 54		137.54
10	Isaac E. Allen,.....	18	do	107 64		107.64
11	Isaiah S. Webb,	84	do	502 32 15		487.32
12	Reuben C. Chadbourn,	30	do	179 40		179.40
13	Samuel Libby,.....	25	do	149 50		149.50
14	Austin B. Frisbee,.....	09	do	53 82	16.39	70.21
16	Robert M. Ingalls,.....	24	do	143 52		143.52
18	William A. Morrison,	24	do	143 52		143.52
19	Mark Ham,.....	26	do	155 48		155.48
20	James S. Gould,.....	40	do	239 20 10		229.20
	Fraction, (to No. 14).....			1 39		
		835		\$4994.69		\$4994.69

* Union District No. 1.

†Deducted.

Last year the total amount of School money was \$4956.86; this year, \$4,994.69; an increase this year of \$37.83, which is the increase in the School Fund and Bank Tax. Last year the rate per capita was \$5.86, this year \$5.98.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF SCHOOLS.

UNION DISTRICT No. 1. JOSEPH L. WALES, Agent.

HIGH SCHOOL.—As to the prosperity and success of this school we can echo the report of last year, and can also add, that the school has taken many steps in advance of its former position, and to-day is the pride of the district and of the town. It is truly a progressive school, now in the front rank, and bound to remain there. At the close of the Spring term the first class graduated, after passing an excellent examination, doing honor not only to themselves but to their instructor. This school has continued under the charge of Albert F. Richardson, A. B., and to him is due the praise for its present high standing and position, a standing and position which is not surpassed by any other similar school in the State. Mr. Richardson has proved himself an excellent teacher in the literal sense, and by early and late work, generous expenditures, fitness, zeal, energy and courtesy, he has contributed more than any other person, to bring about the gratifying and pleasing results of the past year, and, in a word, is the right man in the right place. Valuable assistance has been rendered during the year by Miss Carrie M. Stone, in the Spring, Mrs. George E. Murphy in the Fall, and Miss Roxie Brigham during the Winter term.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL. This school, during the past year, has been under the charge of Miss M. A. Pease, with valuable assistance during the Winter term by Miss Roxie Brigham. Miss Pease, whose reputation as a teacher is well known in this vicinity, has labored diligently and well, and there has been a marked improvement in the school during each term of the year. This important branch in the graded system of the district is now doing well, and under the management of Miss Pease, good foundations are being laid for the future classes of the High School.

PRIMARY A. Miss Georgia Bucknam has had charge of this school during the year, and has done faithful work and had good schools each term. We trust she will continue in charge of the school another year, for we do not think the district could better itself by a change.

PRIMARY B. The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Emma C. Leland, who labored hard, with good results, keeping two good schools. Miss Leland is an excellent teacher, and we were sorry to lose her. The Winter term was taught by Miss Emma G. Gardiner, who sustained the past good reputation of this school by keeping a good school. We have no doubt but that Miss Gardiner will prove a valuable acquisition to our corps of teachers.

We cannot close this outline of the schools in this district without acknowledging the valuable services and aid rendered at all times by the Agent, who, in the performance of his duties, has labored with the single purpose of doing all that was possible for educational advancement and improvement in the district.

DISTRICT No. 1. ALVIN INGALLS, Agent.

Summer term, twelve weeks; Fall term, twelve weeks. Both terms were taught by Miss Clara E. Libby, and both were excellent schools. Winter term, taught by Mr. David P. Chaplin, is now in session. Mr. Chaplin needs no commendation from us as a teacher, and thus far has kept an excellent school.

DISTRICT No. 2. CHARLES H. MCKENNEY, AGENT.

Summer term, nine weeks, taught by Miss Ella E. Chaplin, with fair progress; no Register returned. Winter term, thirteen and one half weeks, taught by Miss Flora F. Packard. Miss Packard labored hard for a good school, with good success.

DISTRICT No. 3. EBEN A. CROSS, Agent.

Summer term, twelve weeks, taught by Miss Abbie J. Andrews; an excellent school. Winter term taught by Mr. Mandeville F. Corson; closes this week. Mr. Corson has labored hard to instruct the school, with considerable success, but has failed in government.

DISTRICT No. 4. THATCHER P. MERRILL, Agent.

Fall term, ten weeks, taught by Miss Ella E. Chaplin, with fair progress. This was the only school in the district, and at its close there were present but three scholars; too small a school to make much progress. No Register returned.

DISTRICT No. 5. BRADFORD WINN, Agent.

Summer term, twelve weeks, taught by Miss Jessie F. Bennett. Miss Bennett labored faithfully and kept a good school. Winter term, thirteen weeks, closes this week, taught by Mr. Enoch L. Eastman. Mr. Eastman has labored diligently and well; under his charge the school has made marked improvement, and has been one of our best Winter schools.

DISTRICT No. 7. NEWTON P. GIBBS, Agent.

Summer term, eight weeks. Winter term, ten weeks. Both terms taught by Miss Alice A. Deering, with satisfactory results. Miss Deering more than sustained her reputation as one of our best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 8. SAMUEL DAVIS, Agent.

Summer term, eight weeks. Winter term, ten weeks. Both terms taught by Miss Rosie Chute, and both were excellent schools. Miss Chute is an excellent teacher, and we trust she will remain with us another year.

DISTRICT No. 9. EDWARD G. ROUNDS, AGENT.

Summer term, eleven weeks, taught by Miss Mary Goodwin. This was Miss Goodwin's first attempt at teaching; she labored hard to keep a good school, and in this was successful. Winter term, eleven and one half weeks, taught by Miss Abbie J. Andrews; an excellent school. Miss Andrews needs no commendation from us, as she is well known as a successful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 10. ISAAC E. ALLEN, Agent.

Summer term, eight weeks. Winter term, thirteen weeks. Both terms taught by Miss Clara H. Ingalls, with good success.

DISTRICT No. 11. ISAIAH S. WEBB, Agent.

The school in this district has continued during the year under the charge of Mr. Clarence E. Chapman. The school has made marked improvement under Mr. Chapman's faithful management; he is an excellent teacher, his schools have been excellent, and take high rank with our best schools. We trust he will remain with them another year.

DISTRICT No. 12. REUBEN C. CHADBOURN, Agent.

Summer term, twelve weeks, taught by Miss Bertie E. Marriner. This was Miss Marriner's first school, and was profitable and successful; Miss Marriner earning a good reputation as a teacher. The Winter term, sixteen weeks, taught by Mr. Alvin D. Holmes, was one of our best Winter schools. Mr. Holmes succeeded admirably in infusing an unusual degree of interest into both scholars and district.

DISTRICT No. 13. SAMUEL LIBBY, Agent.

Summer term, seven weeks, taught by Miss Bertha L. Poor. This was Miss Poor's first school, and she labored hard for a good school, with moderate success. With more experience and more decision, Miss Poor will make a

good teacher. Winter term, eleven weeks, taught by Miss Julia M. Whitehouse. Miss Whitehouse is an experienced teacher, and kept an excellent school. We hope that this or some other district will secure her services for the present year.

DISTRICT No. 14. AUSTIN B. FRISBIE, Agent.

But one term, sixteen weeks, taught by Miss Alice R. Kimball, who is an experienced teacher, and who kept a good school.

DISTRICT No. 16. ROBERT M. INGALLS, Agent.

Summer term, eight weeks. Fall term, thirteen weeks. Both terms taught by Miss Lizzie F. Merrill, who worked hard and kept two good schools.

DISTRICT No. 18. WILLIAM A. MORRISON, Agent.

Summer term, ten weeks. Winter term, eleven weeks. Both terms taught by Miss Addie F. Foster, with favorable results and good success.

DISTRICT No. 19. MARK HAM, Agent.

Summer term, eight weeks. Winter term, ten weeks. Both terms taught by Miss Myra F. Davis. The summer term made fair progress. During the Winter term, the teacher seemed to be discouraged, and the school was not as successful as it should have been.

DISTRICT No. 20. JAMES S. GOULD, Agent.

Summer term, nine weeks. Fall term, nine weeks. Both terms taught by Miss Ida F. March, and both were good schools. Winter term, eight weeks, taught by Mr. Albert H. Holmes, who is a good teacher and kept a good school.

SUGGESTIONS.

Having thus presented a brief account of the several schools for the past year, we would present a few additional thoughts and suggestions concerning our schools as a whole. With but two or three exceptions there has been a marked improvement in all our schools, resulting from the employment of more good teachers and from the increased interest of the parents. The improvement has been perceptible to all, and to such a degree, that we have strong faith to believe that our fellow citizens will take no backward step in regard to our common schools, "The People's Colleges." Will not the parents of all our scholars during the ensuing year, awake anew to the interests of their children's education? To many of you no appeal is necessary, but we would earnestly impress upon all the necessity of seeing to it that your children are punctual and regular in their attendance; of your visiting and judging for yourselves of their progress in school, and of letting them know in the home circle of your interest and desire for their success. Some of our districts have tried this plan the past year, and have thus greatly assisted in having better schools than ever before. Parents, try it!

APPARATUS. The farmer does not expect his "hired man" to furnish his own hoe and rake, nor to work without them. Neither should we expect our teachers to furnish the apparatus which should belong to every school, or is it economy to teach without this aid. Many of our schools need better blackboards, and maps of at least our own

State and County, and we trust that every district will supply these wants at an early day.

CHANGE OF TEXT BOOKS Your Committee have made but one change during the year. They felt called upon to make a change in the Arithmetics, which had been in use in all our schools for a great number of years, and after a good deal of deliberation we adopted Hagar's Series, which has been introduced in all our schools. We are fully satisfied that the change was a good one, and we have had many favorable reports in regard to the change from parents, teachers, and scholars. With the assistance of Mr. H. O. Moses, the Series was introduced at a very low figure.

SCHOOL HOUSES. Our School houses remain about the same. Under the judicious management of the agent, the school grounds in Union Dist. No. 1 have been greatly improved, and the High School supplied with a new coat of paint and new heating apparatus. Several of our districts very much need new school-houses; they are already aware of this, and we trust that they will not longer prolong the uncomfortableness, to say the least, of their children. A new school house will undoubtedly be erected at once in District No. 19, to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire.

GRADED COURSE OF STUDY. Prior to the commencement of the Fall term of the schools in Union District No. 1, your committee adopted a graded course of study for the use of the schools in that district. We think this course will be of great benefit to the scholars, in prescribing a uniform course of study and the text books to be used for some time to come, and of especial benefit to the younger scholars in preventing the great evil of pushing young children in their studies before they are of the right age, or are prepared to advance. The impatience or mistaken ambition for the premature advancement of scholars is of no advantage, but is a positive injury to the scholar, and especially is this so with reading. We find young scholars who are backward and behind their own classes in other important elementary branches, who must be pushed into advanced classes in reading, and then we find these scholars stumbling through a reader they do not understand, and for which they are not qualified. Parents, do not injure your children in this way.

ABOLITION OF THE DISTRICT SYSTEM. This has been alluded to in previous reports, and in view of the fact that so many of our principal towns are abolishing the district system, and adopting the so-called town-plan, we desire to call your attention, briefly, to the matter. Under this system the town takes possession of all the school property, after it has been appraised, and a tax equal to the amount of appraisalment, has been levied and re-mitted to the tax-payers of the several districts. The town is then to control the schools through its supervisor or committee, who is to discharge the duties of both agent and inspector. This system, it is claimed, has these advantages: 1st, it is less expensive; 2d, it is not so unjust; 3d, it gives us better school-houses; 4th, it will give us longer schools; 5th, it will give us better teachers. Believing that this is a subject of vital importance to us all, we present this statement for your consideration.

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UNION OF DISTRICTS. Financially and Educationally it would be much better to unite Districts No. 4 and 19. The number of scholars in No. 4 is nine, and the average attendance is four. They can be well accommodated and have better advantages in No. 19, and we would recommend the union of the two districts.

REQUESTS. We would request the districts clerks to report to the committee immediately after the school meetings, the names of the agents elected. We would request the agents to forward their returns to the Committee immediately after receiving the blanks. By complying with these requests a great deal of annoyance will be saved, and the Committee will be able to make correct returns to the State. We would earnestly request the agents to be more particularly in notifying the Committee of the commencement and close of the schools.

In accordance with a law passed at the session of the legislature which has just adjourned, hereafter, the certified lists of scholars returned by agents to the assessors and School Committee in the month of April, "shall be made under oath, before a justice of the peace."

IN CONCLUSION. We this year omit the tabular statement usually accompanying this report, for the reason that it is a repetition of what is contained in the Selectmen's report and other portions of this report, and thus save some extra expense. There have been no complaints in regard to the government of our schools, all of which have been visited by your Committee at least twice. The teachers as a whole have labored faithfully, while the Agents seem to have been imbued with a generous spirit of rivalry to which district should have the best school, and early adopted the true doctrine of good teachers and good schools rather than cheap teachers and poor schools. As a result of the year's work we with pleasure report, that our schools have equalled if not surpassed the schools of previous years, while in a majority of our districts the schools of the past year have never been surpassed. Our material interests are not better cared for than by making liberal appropriations for the support of schools, and we would commend our schools to the foster care of the town, trusting that they will continue in the onward march of improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

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